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SUBJECT: JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

1. DURING MEETING WITH VISITING NEA/RA JOINT COMMISSIONS ASST COORDINATOR KENNETH KOLB SEPT 11, DR. HASSAN ISMAIL, WHO FOR PRESENT AT LEAST IS STILL EGYPTIAN CHAIRMAN FOR BOTH JOINT WORKING GROUPS ON TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE, RAISED SUBJECT OF TIMING FOR NEXT JWG MEETINGS. ISMAIL SUGGESTED THEY SHOULD TAKE PLACE LAST TWO WEEKS OF NOVEMBER OR FIRST TWO WEEKS OF DECEMBER. WE UNDERTOOK TO PASS ALONG HIS COMMENT AND ADVISE HIM IN DUE COURSE OF WASHINGTON'S REACTION.

2. AS SEPT AWARE JWG ON TRD COMMUNIQUE MENTIONED MEETING IN NOV 1975. JWG ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE DECIDED TO MEET IN JAN 1976. WE SUSPECT DR. ISMAIL WAS SPEAKING WITHOUT BENEFIT OF HAVING REVIEWED THE TWO COMMUNIQUEES AND SO CONNECTED THE TWO AS HAD BEEN DONE IN THE PAST. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE DR. ISMAIL SOME INDICATION OF DEPT THINKING ON NEXT JWG SESSIONS. HE WILL CONTACT US ABOUT SEPT 20 TO SEE IF WE AGREE OR HAVE OTHER PROPOSAL TO MAKE. IF POSSIBLE, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD STICK TO SCHEDULES SET BY LAST JWG SESSIONS.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH JWG (TRD), DR. ISMAIL TOLD US THAT HE VIEWS THE UPCOMING MEETING AS ONE OF SINGULAR IMPORTANCE.

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HE SAID THAT JUNE MEETING HAD BEEN MORE OF A FOLLOWUP

MEETING TO ASSURE THAT PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN AREAS WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS MEETING IN CAIRO. NOW ISMAIL SAID IT IS TIME TO TAKE SOME NEW INITIATIVES AND BEGIN WORK IN NEW DIRECTIONS. HE MENTIONED FACT THAT DURING JUNE MEETING, US SIDE HAD TOLD THEM THAT FURTHER FUNDING COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAIN SITUATION AT END OF FISCAL YEAR. DR. ISMAIL SAID THAT AMERICAN TRD DELEGATION INDICATED THAT THIS NOVEMBER WOULD BE A MUCH MORE CONVENIENT TIME FOR THEM TO TALK ABOUT FURTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS JWG. DR. ISMAIL THEREFORE FULLY INTENDS TO PRESENT NEW FUNDING REQUESTS AT THE NOV/DEC MEETING. HE IS NOW STUDYING THE FILES TO PRESENT US WITH PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA SOME TIME DURING LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER WHICH WE WILL FORWARD.
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